

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2022 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 14	Mar 14
Feb	Mar 25	Mar 25
Mar	Apr 15	Apr 15
Apr	May 20	May 24
May	Jun 16	Jun 21
Jun	Jul 21	Jul 26
Jul	Aug 18	Aug 23
Aug	Sep 15	Sep 20
Sep	Oct 20	Oct 25
Oct	Nov 17	Nov 22
Nov	Dec 15	Dec 20
Dec	Jan 20	Jan 24

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Leisure & Hospitality Employment
2022	Feb	1,565,200	139,700
	Mar	1,562,400	137,300
	Apr	1,565,500	138,000
	May	1,567,700	140,100
	June	1,571,400	141,400
	July	1,574,400	141,500
	Aug	1,579,800	142,800
	Sep	1,577,400	142,900

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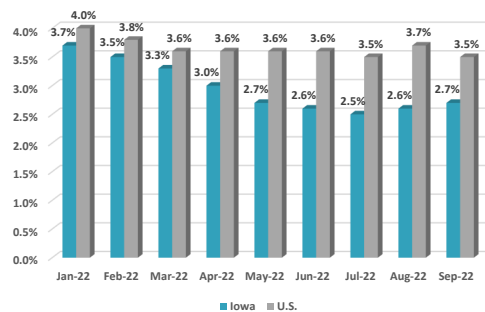
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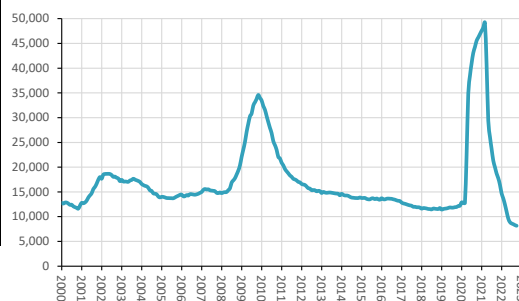
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates –2022



- Iowa's unemployment rate increased to 2.7 percent in September. The state's jobless rate was 4.1 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level decreased to 1,662,900 in September from 1,664,800 in August.
- The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.5 percent in September.

Iowa Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims Twelve Month Moving Average



- Initial claims averaged 8,144 per month for the twelve months ending September 2022. This compares to 18,700 for the same period in 2021.
- The last time the twelve month average was this low was 1974. An initial claim represents a new spell of unemployment for an unemployment claimant.

- Iowa shed 2,400 jobs in September. This was the first decline since March. Prior to this month, 17,400 jobs had been added over the past five months.
- Following this month's decrease, total nonfarm employment is now up 37,500 jobs versus one year ago.
- Health care and social assistance shed 1,000 jobs in September. This sector has previously added jobs in the prior two months.
- Trade, transportation, and utilities shed 1,000 jobs and was fueled by losses in transportation and warehousing (-800).
- Finance and insurance trended down in September (-600). Most of the jobs shed were related to insurance carriers.
- Job gains were concentrated in nondurable goods factories in September (+1,000). Most of the jobs added were related to animal slaughtering and processing.
- Government shed 200 jobs with most of the drop coming from state government. Despite the decline, government is up 3,600 jobs versus last September.
- Nationally, total nonfarm employment gained 263,000 jobs in September. The largest gains were in leisure and hospitality.

Total Nonfarm Employment January 2021 to September 2022

